

In the Drawings:

Replacement sheets 1-8, including formal drawings of FIGs. 1-8, are enclosed herewith that replace original sheets 1-9. Annotated Sheet 1 of 1, also included herewith, includes an annotated version of FIG. 7. FIG. 7 is a flowchart that originally included four copies of “end”, item 730. As illustrated on Annotated Sheet 1 of 1, the blocks, lead lines and arrows of FIG. 7 have been rearranged so that only a single “end” item 730 is illustrated. No new matter has been added.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 15, 20, 21, 23 and 27 have been amended to better recite the claimed subject matter. No claims have been added or cancelled. Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Objection to the Drawings:

As noted above, replacement drawing sheets 1-8 are enclosed herewith to overcome the Examiner's objections to the drawings. No new matter has been added.

Section 102(b) Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-21 and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gardner et al. (U.S. Patent 5,758,327) (hereinafter "Gardner"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons presented below.

Regarding claim 1, Gardner does not disclose accessing a user modifiable configuration file comprising a selected list of criteria on which line items are to be sorted into purchase orders; and modifying a selected list of criteria in response to user input, wherein all items of a given purchase order have matching criteria data with respect to any criteria of the modified list of criteria. Instead, Gardner teaches only that line items of a requisition may be grouped into multiple purchase orders based on various criteria (Gardner, column 3, lines 9-17; column 3, lines 33-61; column 7, lines 12-30; and column 9, lines 3-13). Gardner does not mention anything regarding modifying the list of criteria used to determine how line items of a requisition are grouped into purchase orders. Nor does Gardner teach that all items of a given purchase order have matching criteria data with respect to any criteria of the *modified* list of criteria. Nor does Gardner teach that his criteria are stored in a user modifiable configuration file.

Applicants remind the Examiner that anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every limitation of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim. M.P.E.P 2131; *Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984). The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the claims. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989). As discussed above, Gardner fails to disclose modifying a selected list of criteria based on user input, wherein all items of a given purchase order have matching criteria data with respect to any criteria of the modified list of criteria. Therefore, Gardner cannot be said to anticipate claim 1.

Thus, the rejection of claim 1 is not supported by the cited art and removal thereof is respectfully requested. Similar remarks apply to independent claims 11 and 21.

Applicant also asserts that numerous ones of the dependent claims recite further distinctions over the cited art. However, since the rejection has been shown to be unsupported for the independent claims, a further discussion of the dependent claims is not necessary at this time.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 4, 14 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form. In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that claims 4, 14 and 22 are allowable in their current form.

CONCLUSION

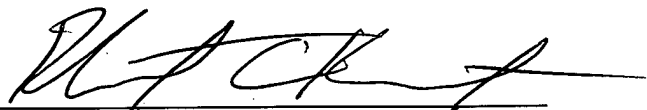
Applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-90900/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☒ Replacement Drawing Sheets 1-8 and Annotated Sheet
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with accompanying Form PTO-1449

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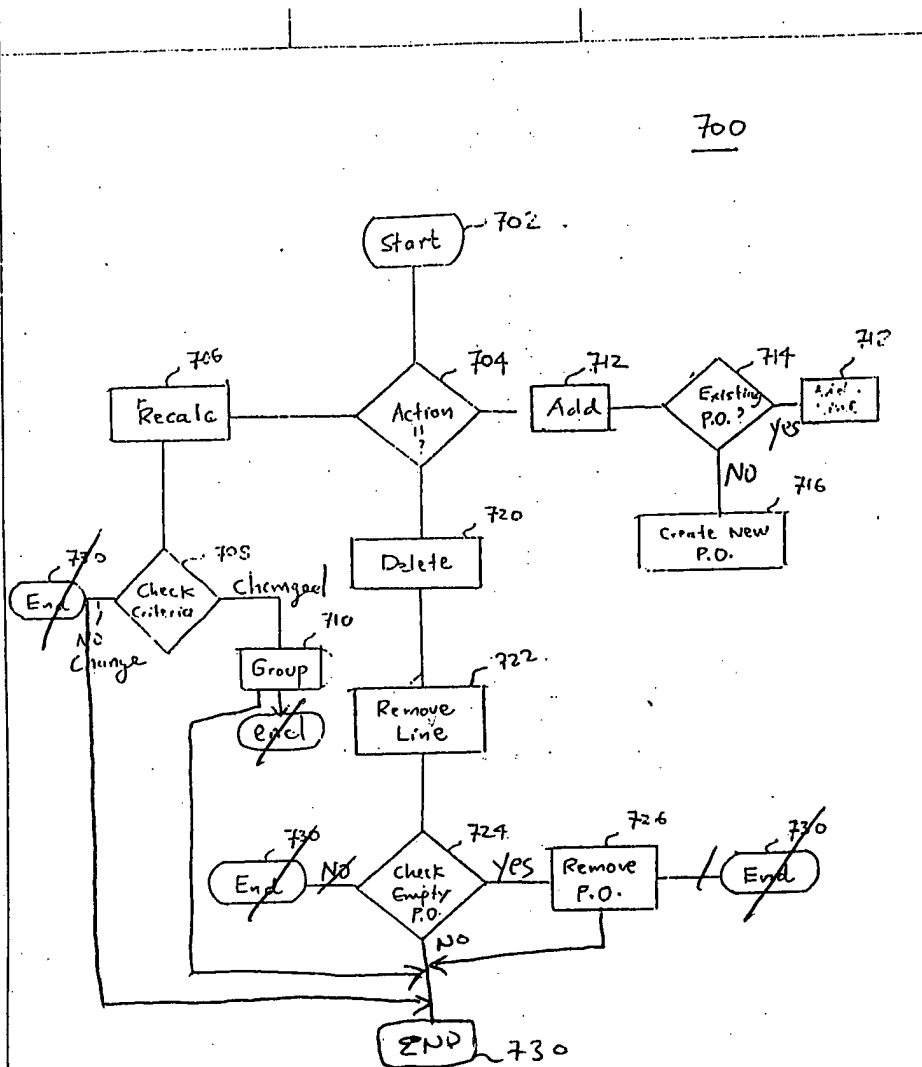


Figure 7.